

Troop 4, Georgetown Presents a “Year in Review” to the Communities We Serve

The Delaware State Police Troop 4 Administration held a community meeting on Friday, February 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., at the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center, located at 21911 Rudder Lane, led by Captain Rodney Layfield. Troopers were privileged to have hosted a meeting where the public was provided with an overview of the great work done by the men and women of DSP Troop 4 in 2018. Achieving a 23.1% reduction in aggravated assaults, a 37% reduction in burglaries, and a 30.9% reduction in thefts simply exemplifies the exceptional work the Troopers are doing. Moreover, when you examine many of our clearance rates of crime we demonstrate a deep desire to solve our crime. With aggravated assaults having a clearance rate of 83%, burglaries having a clearance rate of 39.9% and a total of 250 proactive drug investigations clearly shows the dedication of our Troopers.

Equally important to our crime fighting and traffic enforcement measures is our commitment to suppress and prevent crime through our community outreach and engagement efforts. In 2018, Troop 4 embarked on several community based programs to build trust, open lines of communication, foster positive and open relationships between the citizens and police, all aimed at crime reduction and making our communities as safe as possible.

Some of the most memorable Community Outreach events in 2018 included:

- 4th Annual Trunk or Treat Event
- Operation Winter Warm Coat Drive Collection
- Stranger Danger Presentation for children at Bethany Beach Library
- Mounted Patrol Unit Demo for Camp Barnes Summer Camp

These pro-active efforts not only provide the community with a

better understanding of the Delaware State Police, it also enhances Troopers awareness of the various cultures that exist within the communities they serve.